



April 2015

Highlights of the State Board of Education meeting

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APPLICATION FOR ESEA FLEXIBILITY (WAIVER)

The Nebraska Department of Education submitted a waiver — a waiver that represents the state's education plans and initiatives for Nebraska students — to the U.S. Department of Education on March 31. USDE officials have said the waiver request will be reviewed by the beginning of next school year.

See [ESEA Flexibility Waiver Website](#)

AQuESTT

A review of Nebraska's accountability model — a component of the ESEA Flexibility (Waiver) request — was presented at the April State Board of Education meeting.

See [AQuESTT: School Designation](#)

See [AQuESTT: Graphic](#)

DRAFT MATHEMATICS STANDARDS

A draft of the revised Mathematics Standards was approved for public comment. Educators and the public will have several opportunities to comment on the revised standards, including an electronic survey that will be available April 13-May 29 at

<http://www.education.ne.gov/standardssurvey/>

Comments also may be sent to Standards Input, Nebraska Department of Education, 301 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, NE, 68509, or emailed to nde.standardsinput@nebraska.gov. In September, the State Board will consider the final draft of the math standards.

See [Math Standards PowerPoint](#)

See [Draft Math Standards](#)

DRAFT OF RULE 21: TEACHING CERTIFICATES, PERMITS

A draft of Rule 21 was approved and will be the focus of a public hearing in the near future. Rule 21 addresses the certification of individuals to teach, administer or provide special services in Nebraska school systems. See attachments for substantive proposed changes.

See [Rule 21 Rationale](#)

See [Rule 21 Proposed Revisions](#)

See [Rule 21 Hearing Draft](#)

NATIONAL TEST RECOMMENDATIONS

An updated list of national tests that will be used for national comparisons was submitted to the State Board of Education. Districts may choose which national norm reference test they want to use. The results will be submitted to NDE for display on the State of the Schools Report.

See [National Test Recommendations](#)

COORDINATED SCHOOL HEALTH

NDE staff provided an overview of the Nebraska Coordinated School Health program and policy that was adopted in March 2010.

See [CSH PowerPoint](#)

See [CSH Policy](#)

See [CSH Components](#)

GROVE FOUNDATION GRANT, WISE

NDE staff and educators from three Nebraska school districts provided an overview of WISE and the Grove Foundation grants. Educators from three school districts that are voluntarily participating presented information about their programs.

See [Wise Method](#)



ESUCC CONTRACT

A contract with the Educational Service Unit Coordinating Council (ESUCC) was approved to provide support for the implementation of the ADVISER dashboard and for single sign-on security efforts.

See [ESUCC Rationale](#)

RULE 92: PUPIL TRANSPORTATION VEHICLES

Rule 92 revisions were approved to allow Nebraska schools to use new Type A school buses that are more fuel efficient.

See [Rule 92 Rationale](#)

See [Rule 92](#)

Rule 14: APPROVAL OF NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS

Nonpublic schools on the attached list were approved to operate for the 2015-16 school year.

NOTE: Nonpublic schools that are accredited will be considered for approval by the State Board in June.

See [Rule 14 Rationale](#)

See [Rule 14 Nonpublic Schools](#)

See [Rule 14 PowerPoint](#)

Rule 14: CONDITIONAL APPROVAL OF A NONPUBLIC SCHOOL

The Nelson Mandela Elementary School, a new nonpublic school initially offering kindergarten and 1st grade, was approved to operate in Omaha during 2015-16.

See [Rule 14 Conditional Approval](#)

NDE PERSONNEL RULES FOR 2015-17

Changes to the NDE 2015-17 personnel rules were approved.

See [Personnel Rules Rationale](#)

See [Personnel Rules Summary](#)

See [Personnel Rules Major Changes](#)

The State Board of Education will meet May 7-8, 2015.

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